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SUBJECT .... Retrocession: Civil Disturbances: Military Action.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

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Retrocession

Civil Disturbances : Military Action.

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Serial No.

D. O. Letter No. R/536/140-37(20) dated 2nd February 1938 from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore to the Chief Secretary to Govt, forwarding a memorandum on "Civil Disturbances: Military action."

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1) The points to which the Government are asked to agree are these:

(1) Mysore Government troops and Army in India troops should pass through the retained or retroceded areas whenever necessary in the interests of action against disturbances of the peace.

There can be no objection to this and it ~~appears~~ be necessary, considering the nature of the boundary between the two areas.

(2) Mysore Government troops and Army in India troops will co-operate in measures or action necessary in the event of civil disturbances contiguous to the boundary between the retained and retroceded areas.

Co-operation in such cases appears to be necessary.

2) But it is presumed that in respect of both the points, the military will join in any action taken against civil disturbances in the retroceded area only when invited by the Mysore Government to co-operate. It is expected that the military would not take action

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WD 0284—GPB—30,000—13-9-37

Retrocession

Civil Disturbances ÷ Military Action

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General and Revenue Secretariat

DEWAN'S OFFICE
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OFFICE OF THE MEMBER OF COUNCIL
FEB 22 1938
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OFFICE
SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL,
26 FEB. 1938
No. 6821

in the retroceded area without the consent of this Government.

Chief Secretary) Ce 18/2/38

3) MS 18.2.38

1st member
Dewan
2nd member

4) SPR 21/2

5) MS 22-2-38 MS 26/2

6) MM 27/2/38 MS 1/3

7) draft reply put up

Chief Secretary) 8) Appd. Ce 1/3/38

MS 2.3.38

GOVT. OF MYSORE

No. 2316 dated 2.3.38

The Secy to the Resident,

States that the Govt of Mysore have no objection to the proposal contained in the memoranda explaining the implications of the co-operation envisaged in the memorandum. D. No. R/658/140-37(20) dt 21-3-1938 from the Residency. 4/3

9) It is stated in the letter that British troops will act in retroceded area only if

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25 MAR 1938
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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
MAR 23 1938
No. 6357

if the Mysore Govt ask for their assistance. In cases of sudden emergency when there is no time to obtain the consent of the Govt concerned, British troops or Mysore troops may take steps in the other area over the border. There can be no objection to this.

Chief Secretary) C 23/3/38

10) The procedure outlined in the Resident's letter may be agreed to.

MS 23/3

1st member & Dewan }

11) JDR 24/3

12) JDR 25-3-38 MS 28/3

13) May the draft letter issue

Chief Secretary) C 28/3/38

14) For perusal.

2nd member) MS 29/3

15) MLL 30/3/38 MS 30/3

16) Issue C 31/3/38

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL,
30 MAR 1938
No. 7275

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WD 0284—GPB—30,000—13-9-37

Retrocession – Civil Disturbances : Mobilising Action

CO File No. 125 of 1937

General and Revenue Secretariat

Pol. No. 1103 dated 31.3.38

The Secy to the Resident,

States that the Govt are note the implications given Cooperative measures envisages in the memorandum have no objection to the Proposal contained therein.

Retrocession — Civil Disturbances

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General and Revenue Secretariat. (CS File No. 125 of 1937) [App. F. III-2

Serial No.

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OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
APR 23 1940
No. 2788

Letter No R 83 dated 17.4.40 from the Secy to the Resident suggests that certain words & phrases occurring in the Residency letter dated 21.3.1938 may be deleted, as they tend to restrict the action of the Military. And enquires whether the Govt of Mysore would agree to the changes proposed. Submd for orders with refce.

19/4/40

The amendment proposed may be accepted. I have discussed the matter with Mr Subramanyam and he agrees that there is no harm in our conceding the point as the arrangement is mutually helpful. May be abtd.

23/4

1st Member
Dewan

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27/4/40.

Abtd
27.4.40

CHIEF SECRETARY
27 APR 19
MYSORE

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PR No. 1422/CS dated 29.4.40
To the Secy to the Resident

General and Revenue Secretariat | GS File No. 125 of 1937. | [App. F. III—2

Serial No. 358

Retrocession – Civil Disturbances

Do Letter No. 83-39(21.) dated 17.7.40 from the Legl to the Resident suggests certain amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure in force in the C&M Dist & the retroceded area, and the addition proposed is in the form of a new section 131-A in the Civil Station Code.

Submit for orders with refce.

(Sd) Law Secy.
22/7/40.

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This proposed amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure relates to the legal provisions required to protect action of the Military and the Police of the retroceded area in the retained area and vice versa. The cases in which such action could be taken by the Police and the Military of one area in the other have been discussed and decided in the two files placed below. Adequate provision to safeguard action being taken only under those specified circumstances is made by the proviso to the proposed new section. A similar amendment is proposed to be made in the administered areas code.

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In these circumstances we may agree to the proposal of the Residency.

Chief Secy) .. M.C.) ..

Hm 2 29/7/40.

1st member & Dewan

MS 29.7.40

MM 30/7/40

Mo 30-7-40

MS 31.7.40

Reply of our proposal to the Residency are awaited

BM 31/7/40.

Rptd MS 1/8

No. PR 189/CS dated 1-8-40 from the Secy to the Resident states that our proposal have the reply of the suggestion awaited

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Bangalore,
2nd. February 1938.

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RETROCESSION - CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

My dear Kesaveiengar.

I am desired to forward a memorandum on 'Civil Disturbances': military action.

There will be a note on the position regarding the 'Police' in the file concerned.

Yours Sincerely,

H Rumbold

B.T.Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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20 CIVIL DISTURBANCES: Military action.

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The Mysore Government are asked to agree that:-

(a) Mysore Government troops and Army in India troops shall pass through the retained or retroceded areas, whenever necessary, in the interests of action against disturbances of the peace.

(b) In the event of Civil disutrbances contiguous to the boundary between the retained and retroceded areas, the Mysore Government troops and Army in India troops concerned will co-operate in any measures or action considered necessary.

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Draft D.O. 2316

/ eB 125-37-40

dj 2/3/38

Retrocession - Civil Disturbances:
Military Action.

My dear Trevelyan,

With reference to your D.O. letter No. R/536-140-37(20) dated 2nd February 1938 forwarding a memorandum on the above subject, I am desired to state that the Government of Mysore have no objection to the proposals contained in the memorandum. It is presumed that the military will join in any action taken against civil disturbances in the retroceded area only when invited by the Mysore Government to co-operate and that the military would not take action without the consent of the Mysore Government.

Yours sincerely
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GC.
1/3/38

H. Trevelyan Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore, Bangalore.

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2nd March 8

Confidential:

No.2316 / CB 125-37-40.

Retrocession - Civil Disturbances: Military Action.

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MS

H. Trevelyan, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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D.O.No.R/658/140-37(20).

Bangalore,
21st March 1938.

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My dear Kesavaiengar,

Retrocession - Civil Disturbances - Military Action.

Will you please refer to your demi-official letter No.2316/CB.125-37-40, dated the 2nd March 1938. I am desired to say that the position is as follow:-

2. The suppression of civil disturbances will be the responsibility of the Mysore Government troops within the Retroceded Area and Army in India troops will only undertake the duty of suppressing civil disturbances in that area if the Mysore Government ask for their assistance. In such cases the senior British Military Officer will be in command. This is in accordance with the present practice.

3. The new Cantonment will be situated in the middle of the Retroceded Area. When civil disturbances occur on or in the close of vicinity of the boundary between the two areas it may be necessary for a piquet to be posted

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"a few yards" across the boundary for the protection of an important point in its own area. Moreover a mob, which is opposed either by the Mysore Government or Army in India Troops within their own area, may just cross the boundary and it will be essential to prevent them using this position to obtain a tactical advantage, by opposing them on the other side of the boundary. In such circumstances there will be no time to obtain the consent of the Government concerned to action by troops "just" across the boundary and the decision will have to be taken by the officer in charge on the spot in consultation with the officer in charge of the other area. In these circumstances therefore it may be necessary for the Army in India or the Mysore troops, in the course of undertaking the duty of suppressing civil disturbances within their own area, to act on or "just" over the boundary within the other area; but it is not intended that they should act in the other area except when the situation is such as has been described above and action on or in the vicinity of the boundary is necessary to conclude a military action or protect an important point. The Resident hopes that this letter will

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explain to the Mysore Government the implications of the co-operation envisaged in the Memorandum.

Yours Sincerely,

A Ramarao.

B.T.Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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31st March 8

No. pol 1103/CS-125-37-60

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Retrocession - Civil Disturbances:
Military Action.

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Referring to your D. O. letter No.R/658/140-37(20) dated 21st March 1938 on the above subject, I am desired to state that the Government of Mysore note the implications of the co-operation envisaged in the memorandum and have no objection to the proposals contained therein.

H. Trevelyan, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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Draft D.O. Pol. 1103 dt 31/3/38
CS. 125-37-60

Retrocession - Civil Disturbances:
Military Action.

My dear S,

Referring to your D.O. letter No. R/658/140-37(20) dated 21st March 1938 on the above subject, I am desired to state that the Government of Mysore note the implications of the co-operation envisaged in the memorandum, and have ~~There is~~ no objection to the proposals contained therein

Yours sincerely
MS

H. Trevelyan Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore, Bangalore.

CONFIDENTIAL.
D.O.NO.R.83-39(42)

Bangalore,
17th April 1940.

RETROCESSION - CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

My Dear Kesavaiengar,

Will you please refer to the correspondence ending with your demi-official letter No.Pol.1103/CB.125-37-60, dated the 31st March 1938.

2. The Political Department consider that the words " a few yards" occurring in the second sentence and the word "just" occurring in the 3rd, 4th and 5th sentences of paragraph 3 of Trevelyan's demi-official letter No.R.658/140-37(20), dated the 21st March 1938, tend to restrict the action of the military and therefore suggest the deletion of those words. The interests of the Government of Mysore will still adequately be safeguarded by the provision contained in the succeeding lines.

Please let me know whether the Government of Mysore to agree to the suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

Rajasevaprasakta Mr.B.T.Kesavaiengar, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

No Pol 1422/CS 125-37-339 Date 29.4.1940

To

The Secy to the Resident in Mysore

Subject :- Retrocession - Civil Disturbances

Dear Sir,

Please refer to the Correspondence ending with your Confl: Do Letter No R 83-39 (42) dated 17.4.1940 on the above subject.

I am to state that the Govt of Mysore ~~have no objection~~ agree to the suggestions made therein ~~by the Residency~~.

Yours Sincerely,
MK
27.4.40

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27th April 1940

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject: Retrocession - Civil Disturbances.

Please refer to the correspondence ending with your confidential D. O. letter No.R.83-39 (42) dated 17th April 1940 on the above subject.

I am to state that the Government of Mysore agree to the suggestions made therein.

Major A.E.H. Lacann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH.)

SL. NOS. 22, 40, 49 AND 60.] [FILE NO. 125 OF 1937.

RETROCESSION OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

RETROCESSION—Civil Disturbances : Military Action.

NOTES.

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The can be no objection to this and it appears to be necessary, considering the nature of the boundary between the two areas.

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Co-operation in such cases appears to be necessary.

2. But it is presumed that in respect of both the points, the military will join in any action taken against civil disturbances in the retroceded area only when invited by the Mysore Government to co-operate. It is expected that the military would not take action in the retroceded area without the consent of this Government.

C. S.
18-2-38.

Chief Secretary.

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B. T. K.
18-2-38.

First Member, Dewan and Second Member.

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S. P. R.
21-2-38.

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M. M. I.
24-2-38.

B. T. K.
26-2-38.

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N. M.
27-2-38.

B. T. K.
1-3-38.

7. Draft reply put up.

C. S.
1-3-38.

Chief Secretary.

8. Approved.

B. T. K.
2-3-38.

Serial No. 40.—*Letter No. 2316, dated 2nd March 1938, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, stating that the Government of Mysore have no objection to the proposal contained in the memorandum.*

Serial No. 49.—*D. O. Letter No. R. 658—140-37 (20), dated 21st March 1938, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, explaining the implications of the co-operation envisaged in the memorandum.*

9. It is stated in the letter that British Troops will act in retroceded area only if the Mysore Government ask for their assistance. In case of sudden emergency when there is no time to obtain the consent of the Government concerned, British Troops or Mysore Troops may take steps in the other area over the border. There can be no objection to this.

Chief Secretary.

C. S.
23-3-38.

10. The procedure outlined in the Residency letter may be agreed to.

B. T. K.
23-3-38.

First Member and Dewan.

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S. P. R.
24-3-38.

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M. M. I.
25-3-38.

B. T. K.
28-3-38.

13. May the draft letter issue ?
Chief Secretary.

C. S.
28-3-38.

14. For perusal.

Second Member.

B. T. K.
29-3-38.

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N. M.
30-3-38.

B. T. K.
30-3-38.

C. S.
31-3-38.

16. Issue.

Serial No. 60.—*Letter Pol. No. 1103, dated 31st March 1938, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, stating that the Government note the implications of the co-operative envisaged in the memorandum and have no objection to the proposal contained therein.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

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20. CIVIL DISTURBANCES: MILITARY ACTION.

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D. O. Letter No. 2316—C. B. 125-37-40, dated 2nd March 1938, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your D. O. letter No. R—536-140-37 (20), dated 2nd February 1938, forwarding a memorandum on the above subject, I am desired to state that the Government of Mysore have no objection to the proposals contained in the memorandum. It is presumed that the military will join in any action taken against civil disturbances in the retroceded area only when invited by the Mysore Government to co-operate, and that the military would not take action without the consent of the Mysore Government.

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3. The new Cantonment will be situated in the middle of the retroceded area. When civil disturbances occur on or in the close of vicinity of the boundary between the two areas it may be necessary for a piquet to be posted a few yards

across the boundary for the protection of an important point in its own area. Moreover a mob, which is opposed either by the Mysore Government or Army in India Troops within their own area, may just cross the boundary and it will be essential to prevent them using this position to obtain a tactical advantage, by opposing them on the other side of the boundary. In such circumstances there will be no time to obtain the consent of the Government concerned to action by troops just across the boundary and the decision will have to be taken by the officer in charge on the spot in consultation with the officer in charge of the other area. In these circumstances therefore it may be necessary for the Army in India or the Mysore troops, in the course of undertaking the duty of suppressing civil disturbances within their own area, to act on or just over the boundary within the other area; but it is not intended that they should act in the other area except when the situation is such as has been described above and action on or in the vicinity of the boundary is necessary to conclude a military action or protect an important point. The Resident hopes that this letter will explain to the Mysore Government the implications of the co-operation envisaged in the Memorandum.

Letter No. Pol. 1103—C. B. 125-37-60, dated 31st March 1938; from the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Referring to your D. O. letter No. R. 658—140-37(20), dated 21st March 1938 on the above subject, I am desired to state that the Government of Mysore note the implications of the co-operation envisaged in the memorandum and have no objection to the proposals contained therein.

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Please incorporate the corrections indicated and send 2 clean proofs.

N. V. [illegible]
Supdt, C.P.

18th Aug. 1939.

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Retrocession.

Subject : Civil Disturbances : Military Action. (Second Proof)

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Proof- correction has been carefully gone through. The matter is ready for being printed off.

Submitted for approval.

3.8.1939.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

D.O.No.83-39(21).

BANGALORE,

17th July 1940.

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RETROCESSION - CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

CB Peters No 1717

My dear Kesavaiengar.

Will you please refer to your demi-official letters No.Pol.1103/C.B.125-37-60, dated the 31st March 1938, and No.4244/C.B.125-37-90, dated the 10th June 1938.

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2. It is considered that action by the troops and police of the British Government or of the Government of Mysore in dealing with civil disturbances in the Civil and Military Station or in the Administered Areas, as the case may be, explained in letter from this Residency No.R.658/140-37(20), dated the 21st March 1938, would not be strictly legal without adequate legal provision. The Resident suggests an amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure in force in the two areas. Such a provision could best take the form of a new section 131-A in the Civil Station Code as follows :

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> "131-A. The powers conferred upon an officer in charge of a Police Station under this chapter may be exercised by an officer of equal rank of the Administered Areas Police; and the powers conferred upon an officer of the Military Forces of the Maharaja may be exercised by an officer of equal rank of His Majesty's Army;
>
> Provided that such powers shall be exercised only in such cases as the Government may by general or special order direct",

and the insertion of a similar section in the Administered Areas Code.

3. The Resident will be glad to be informed of the concurrence of the Government of Mysore.

Yours sincerely,

J.H.Bruce.

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T.Kesavaiengar, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Rel 189 / CS. 125-37-860

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1st August 40

CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject:- RETROCESSION -
CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

Please refer to your confidential D. O. letter No.83-39 (21) dated 17th July 1940 on the above subject.

I am desired to state that the Government of Mysore have no objection to the suggestions made therein.

Capt. D. H. Biscoe,
Officer on Special Duty,
The Residency, Bangalore.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH.)

Sl. Nos. 22, 40, 49 & 60.] [File No. 125 of 1937.

RETROCESSION

OF THE

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

CIVIL DISTURBANCES: MILITARY ACTION

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RETROCESSION OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

RETROCESSION—Civil Disturbances : Military Action.

NOTES.

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Chief Secretary. C. S. 18-2-38.

First Member, Dewan and Second Member. B. T. K. 18-2-38.

S. P. R. 21-2-38.

M. M. I. 24-2-38.

N. M. 27-2-38.

3. Draft reply put up.

Chief Secretary. C. S. 1-3-38.

4. Approved.

B. T. K. 2-3-38.

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Chief Secretary.

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